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School Committee Grants Special Ed. Transportation

By Joanne Brown

At the meeting of the Agawam School Committee held Tuesday, August 14th, approval was granted for a change in transportation of Agawam's special education students.

According to Business Director James Coon, vehicles transporting special students are divided into three classifications. Group one includes Agawam children transported to schools in town. Group two includes Agawam students carried to either private or public schools outside of Agawam. Group three includes Agawam children driven to schools in the Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative.

A three-year contract was granted to the DePalma Company to transport the Group One children, and to the Transportation Management Company for Groups Two and Three.

Transportation Management is a firm based in Lexington, Massachusetts, with offices in Springfield. Mr. Coon recommended the awarding of the contract to this firm "with confidence" despite the fact that it is Agawam's first dealing with them.

"We had some problems last year," stated Mr. Coon, "and I tried to correct them in the specifics of the contract with Transportation Management. In the matters of seat belts and the providing of modern equipment, this company should provide quality service. We've also arranged for a bi-monthly inspection of all vehicles."

Those vehicles classified one (35-70 passengers) and two (9-16 passengers) will be garaged on Worthington Street in Springfield. Those in Class 3 with provision for fewer than nine passengers will be garaged at the homes of their drivers. A rate of 28 cents per student mile will remain in effect for the life of the three-year contract.

In other business, Acting Superintendent James Bruno announced that Agawam has received approval for two new grants under a federal program administered by the State of Massachusetts.

The first grant was for \$4,000 for electronics equipment at the Agawam Junior High. What will actually be purchased is a mobile cart which can be moved from one Industrial Arts area to another and will go along with the Career Information Centers. The second grant is for \$11,430 for equipment for word processing at the Agawam High business department.

In the area of personnel, several resignations were accepted. Dr. Stephen Asrican stepped down from his post as school psychologist, and the available position will be posted throughout secondary schools in town. Mrs. Joanne Benshoff, a special education teacher, resigned, along with Robert DelPozzo, an eighth grade science teacher, and John Gareau, a ninth grade science teacher.

Approved to take a position as temporary science teacher at the junior high was William Sapelli. Also hired were teacher aides at Phelps School; Lora Martone, to work with the Developmental Learning Class, and Ann Shamble, to work with the substantially separate class.

Available positions also to be posted are one for a head of the guidance department and one for a director of school policy.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Agawam School Committee will take place on August 28th.

Cincotta, Ladizinski Named To Bondi's Committee

Cincotta Chairman

Town Councilors Stephen Cincotta and Donald Ladizinski will join Council President Richard Theroux to form a committee that is charged with monitoring operations at the Bondi's Island sewage treatment plant.

Cincotta, who will act as chairman of the standing committee, told the *Advertiser/News* that the 3-member committee will meet next week "to get things organized and to give the committee some direction."

The council's new committee was established at the council's August 6th meeting. Theroux, who sponsored the committee's establishment, said that because Agawam is billed for the plant's use and because the community provides police and fire protection for the plant, the council should become more active and better informed about the plant's operation.

"Besides," Theroux added after the August 6th meeting, "Bondi's Island is located in Agawam and the people of the town have a right to know what is going on there."

Numerous Squabbles At Bondi's

The plant has been the subject of numerous squabbles among Springfield, which is charged with running the facility, and neighboring communities. The towns of Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, and West Springfield recently hired consulting engineers to study the plant's operation. Agawam residents, especially those in the Meadow Street and River Road areas, have complained of a "rotten odor" coming from the plant located off Route 5.

Remarkd one River Road resident, "We've been putting up with that blasted stench for years and no one has done anything about it. We pay good bucks to use it so why shouldn't it run right?"

According to Ladizinski, there remain many questions that require addressing by the committee, including the bills issued to the town for the usage of the sewage flow.

"I think the plant has been a mess and some answers have to be found to why these things have happened," commented Ladizinski. "The taxpayers of Agawam and the surrounding communities helped pay for that thing to be put up and currently pay a share of the bills to keep it running. We should have some input into it."

Mechanical Difficulties The Culprit

Theroux noted that while a number of mechanical difficulties have plagued Bondi's Island in recent years, he is certain that the problems are now being cleared up. He added, "Springfield has been cooperative with us and will continue to be in the future. I'm confident the situation can be worked out to everyone's satisfaction."

Although the committee possesses no authority making policy in the operation of the plant, Cincotta stated the committee can help "cut through some of the red tape" to determine exactly what has gone wrong with Bondi's Island.

Like Ladizinski, Cincotta said that questions remain concerning the amount of sewage Agawam actually uses from the plant. Cincotta said other municipal officials entertain similar sentiments about bills received from Springfield. Last week, Agawam DPW Director Jack Stone told the *Advertiser/News* that Agawam failed to receive bills for the plant's usage for April and June and that Town Hall had withheld payments for the previous two billing periods.

Install Meter

Theroux suggested that the community install its own meter at the River Road pumping station in order to have a precise method of checking the town's sewage flow. Cincotta agreed.

"We want to make sure that there are no discrepancies with the sewage flow. We want to know for sure how much sewage is being treated and how that figure

matches with what we're paying," the committee chairman related.

Cincotta said he plans to meet with Stone as soon as possible in order to become better acquainted with the Bondi Island situation. Once the committee begins gathering information, he said, it will report back to the council on its findings.

No Added Finances

Both Theroux and Cincotta stressed that the community would not take on any further financial burdens for the plant's operation, as cited by Councilor Floyd Landers, the lone dissenter on the committee's establishment.

Last August, Theroux forwarded a similar proposal before the council, but was negated by a roll call vote. At the time, dissenting councilors pointed to the possibility of more expenditures for the town by included involvement with the facility. Landers, who also voted against the motion last August, also pointed to pending litigation over the plant as another reason the community should avoid further involvement.

Wins Governor's Contest



Sharon VonHollander, 8 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Von Hollander of Charles Street, recently won a state award for her entry in Gov. King's "Family Love" contest.

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PVTA Fares Rise

On Monday, August 13th, fares on all Pioneer Valley Transit Authority bus services increased by 5 cents with the exception of fares in the Holyoke area where the increase was 10 cents.

The fare increase was approved by the PVTA Advisory Board on July 18th. The Authority plans to use the revenue generated by the fare increase to improve service around the region and to institute a new central telephone information system for PVTA customers.

In September, the price of the PVTA monthly pass will also be increased to \$14.30 from the current price of \$13 per month.

Several service improvements are already planned for implementation in September including later evening service on several Springfield area bus routes and additional service to several major employers including the Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield and the Digital Electronics Corp. in Westfield. Service improvements in other areas are being studied for implementation in the fall.

The new central telephone information system is also targeted for a fall start-up.

The fare increase to take effect on August 13th will generate an estimated \$235,000 in additional revenue over the next year. The last bus fare increase in the Springfield area occurred in 1968. In the Holyoke area, the last bus fare increase was in 1977.

The following fares became effective August 13th. Adults: 40 cents; Senior Citizens: 20 cents; Handicapped: 20 cents; Children 5 and under: free; 6 to 12 years old: 30 cents; 13 and over 40 cents; Student tickets travelling to and from school: 20 cents; Intercarrier transfers: 10 cents; Monthly pass: \$14.30.

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Dolls Featured At Storowton

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Featured is a group of dolls handcrafted by Caroline Pomeroy of Russell. One of the dolls, wearing a replica of one of Storowton's fashion collection, was a gift to the village by Ms. Pomeroy. The original gown will also be included in the exhibit displayed on one of Storowton's antique mannequins.

The exhibit will be open through October 15 in the Phillips House exhibit room.

Summer visitors can also take advantage of Storowton's Monday Summer Special, which includes a full tour of the village, a delicious Early American luncheon at the authentic colonial Storowton Tavern, and a small remembrance of your visit.

Or - come on Wednesday and spend time relaxing in the Phillips House Old-Fashioned Tea Garden sipping colonial or herbal teas while tasting old-style herbal-glazed cookies.

For more information, contact June Cook, museum director, at 736-0632.

Skazam Ensemble At Riverside

Skazam, a high-energy dance music ensemble, is appearing daily at Riverside Park's International Plaza Dome through Sunday, August 19th.

Seven young musicians, who met at Berklee School of Music in Boston and decided to take a year off to get involved in the reality of show business, are just as delighted with audiences at the amusement park as the audiences seem to be with them.

"The people are so enthusiastic that we feel the same way when we do our sets," says keyboard player Rick St. Pierre, a Springfield resident.

Other members of the group are Tom Hill of Detroit, drummer; Rob Stanton of Cleveland, lead guitar; Bill Roche of Washington E.C., lead singer and trumpet; Debbie Carter of Aiea, Hawaii, lead singer; Steve Mittrione of Columbus, Ohio, bass guitar; and Steve Tully of Cleveland, saxophone.

Skazam mixes it up a bit with at least one slow tune in each set, but then shifts into high gear with the kind of high-energy dance music that Donna Summer, Earth, Wind, and Fire, Gloria Gaynor and Thelma Houston subscribe to so successfully.

Skazam's offerings add up to good family entertainment. Show times are Monday through Friday at 7, 8, 9, and 10 p.m. and on Sunday at noon, 1:30, 3, 4:45, 7, 8, 9, and 10 p.m.

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Hypertension Clinic will be Sept. 4 for names A-L.

Dr. Haynes foot clinic will be Sept. 5.

On September 11, we will go to the Quincy Market in Boston. For lunch, everybody is on his own. Before we go home, we will visit the Boston Tea Party Museum (a boat) where we will have wine and cheese on deck as refreshments. Price only \$6.75.

If you are interested in how to make planters, lamp-bases, etc. to match your wicker furniture, sign up. We have a very good teacher who will show you all the projects possible and then you can decide what you would like to make. Classes are limited to 12. Please sign up soon. Samples can be seen at the Center.

Golden Agers Meet

The Agawam Golden Agers held their regular meeting on August 8th at the Senior Center with 167 members present. Thanks to Ivy Woodcock and many members, their White Elephant Sale was a great success.

Marie Powers of the Agawam Library spoke to them of the many benefits the library has to offer, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

At their next meeting on August 22, they will be entertained by swinging banjo music.

School Bus Tour Slated

Are your pre-schoolers or first-time bus riders familiar with safe bus procedures? Would you like to have them watch Walt Disney's Winnie the Pooh safety films? Or meet the Safety Bug? Or talk to Agawam's safety officer?

Then come to the Annual School Bus Tour sponsored by the Education Department of the Agawam Junior Women's Club on Friday, August 24, from 10 to 4 o'clock at the Agawam High School parking lot.

Safety Officer Al Longhi and the famous Safety Bug will both be on hand to talk to the children and acquaint them with rules of safe bus riding. The Walt Disney filmstrips, concentrating on safety whether riding the bus or walking to school, will be shown at 11, noon, and 1 o'clock in the Community Room of the town library next to the high school.

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Local 4-H Girls Win Several Awards

Several local girls involved in the 4-H program under the leadership of Mrs. Judy Gearing of Squire Lane, Feeding Hills, recently won over 75 blue ribbons, 35 red ribbons, and 15 white ones at the Hampden County 4-H Fair held at the Mallory Arena on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition.

The girls entered in the Junior Division, which includes 6-13 year olds, projects done with their leader and also on their own.

The group meets twice a month at Mrs. Gearing's home, and they work mostly on arts and crafts, doing one project per week. They also plant flowers and vegetables for arrangements they enter in competition. The arrangements are judged primarily on quality of the produce. Along with the other activities, the girls learn to do their own cooking and sewing.

Next year, Mrs. Gearing would like to include health and dental hygiene and painting and stenciling in their group projects.

Tara Hazen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hazen of Provin Mountain Road, Feeding Hills, won the green rosette of honorable mention for the state for her floral arrangement. She also took top award for her junior craft exhibit.

Heather Gearing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Gearing of Squire Lane, won the top prize Sweepstakes Award for the most blue ribbons (19), a silver tray.

Pauls Aversa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aversa of Royal Lane, Michelle and Marlo Montessi, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Montessi of Hendom Drive, and Joanne, Maria, and Karen Bigelow, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bigelow of Revine Street, Westfield, were the other members of Mrs. Gearing's group. These girls won their ribbons for excellence in arts and crafts, photography, paintings, art, displays of vegetables and flowers which they grew themselves, sewing, cooking, needlepoint, stenciling, and other categories.

Karen Bigelow won second for top junior exhibit for foods and top junior award for her dress review of a dress she sewed and modeled herself.

All of the girls enjoyed the fair and are looking forward to the event again next year.



Pictured above are girls in 4-H who recently won awards at the 4-H Fair. Back row (L.to R.) Paula Aversa, Joanne Bigelow, Michelle Montessi, Tara Hazen. Front row: Marlo Montessi, Maria Bieglow, Heather Gearing. Absent when photo taken: Karen Bigelow. Photo by Jack Devine.

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Mrs. Davilli is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Grabinski of 36 Raymond Circle, Agawam. Mr. Davilli is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Faustino V. Davilli of 229 North Street, Feeding Hills.

Miss Catherine Andrews served the bride as maid of honor, and Lt. Thomas Davilli, brother of the groom, served as best man. A reception at Chez Josef in Agawam followed the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and attended Springfield Technical Community College. She is employed as a dental assistant by Dr. Lewis J. Jones Jr. of West Springfield.

The groom also graduated from Agawam High School and from St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vermont. He will attend Illinois College of Optometry in the fall.

Following a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will reside in Chicago, Illinois.

Western Mass. Hospital To Graduate 17

Seventeen members of the 55th graduating class of Western Massachusetts Hospital School of Practical Nurses will receive their diplomas at a ceremony Sunday, August 19th, at 2 p.m. in the Kathryn Leonard Room of the school on East Mountain Road in Westfield. The school graduates two classes a year after 52 weeks of training.

Sharon R. Lomelino of Agawam is a member of the graduating class.


At the ceremony, Edward Hanify, former executive director of the hospital, will address the graduates and present diplomas. Director of Nursing, Eleanor Davio, will present the school pins. The Rev. Paul Woodbury, pastor of the Agawam Methodist Church and a hospital chaplain, will deliver the invocation.

A reception for students and their families will follow the ceremony.

The school, which is fully licensed and accredited, is the only one of its kind sponsored by the Department of Public Health, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in Western Massachusetts. In addition to receiving clinical experience at Western Mass. Hospital, the students affiliate at Noble Hospital, Westfield, and Baystate Medical Center, Wesson Women's Division, Springfield. Students pay no tuition, but must buy their textbooks and uniforms. They may stay in the hospital dorms for a nominal fee.

Newcomers To Hold Car Wash

The Agawam-West Springfield Newcomers Club will hold a car wash on Saturday, August 25th, at the Middle School on Main Street, Agawam, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event will aid the Newcomers Club in their benefit projects for the community during the year.



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August 17, 1979 Agawam Hockey Sign-ups V.F.W. Hall South Street 6-8 p.m. on 10th & 17th 1-4 p.m. on 11th	August 24, 1979 School Bus Tour Agawam Jr. Women Club Agawam High School 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
August 19, 1979 Marriage Encounter Picnic Agawam YMCA Center Mill Street 12:30 p.m.	August 23, 1979 Senior Citizens Trip Riverton, Conn.
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Jaycees Seek Haunted House

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The location of the regular membership meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. on August 23rd has been changed from the SPAN center to Danielle's (formerly the Kings Way). Any young man between the ages of 18 and 35 who wishes to know more about the Agawam Jaycees is cordially invited.

Pomerantz Graduates Law School

Mr. Jerry Pomerantz, formerly of 418 Meadow Street, Agawam, recently graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Law, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Pomerantz, who did his undergraduate work at Brandeis University, will be associated with the firm of Atlas, Schwartz, Mills, Gurwitz, and Bland in McAllen, Texas.

YMCA Offers Yoga

The Metropolitan Springfield YMCA announces a Yoga mini-session to begin on Tuesday, August 27th. The program will be run for six weeks from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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Agawam has something very special to offer its youth and their families - Operation Friendship, a non-sectarian cultural exchange group sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Nine countries are involved in this program with the United States having chapters in Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Vermont, and Massachusetts.

Feeding Hills Operation Friendship has welcomed people from England and Ireland in the past, and this year, the visitors are fourteen youths and two advisors from The Netherlands.

All members work together at tag sales, suppers, car

washes and so on to provide funds for three weeks of tours in the area. The American and Dutch youth visited New York City and Hartford, and they learned about our politics at the State House in Boston. They walked through history at Shaker Village, Old Sturbridge Village, Old Newgate Prison, Mark Twain's house, and Gillette Castle.

Most importantly, they have all formed friendships that will last a lifetime while socializing at pool parties, banquets, host families' homes, and even at a Christmas party in August. The greatest gift shared by everyone attending was love - the real reason for Operation Friendship.

Carnival Set To Benefit Handicapped Children

A carnival to benefit the multiply handicapped children at Western Massachusetts Hospital has been planned by the pediatric rehabilitation unit of the hospital for Thursday, August 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The carnival, hosted by the children and staff of the pediatric unit and coordinated by Vinnie Ring, education and recreation director, will take place on the hospital grounds and will feature games, contests, raffles, and booths. Prizes donated by local businessmen and industries will be awarded and refreshments will be on sale. They will include hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, ice cream, and baked goods.

Visitors and their children are invited to attend the event and enjoy the fun. In addition, they may take the opportunity to learn more about the many services available at Western Massachusetts Hospital and tour the grounds.

All proceeds from the benefit will be used for special supplies and equipment for children who are patients in the pediatric unit and for youngsters in the summer respite program.

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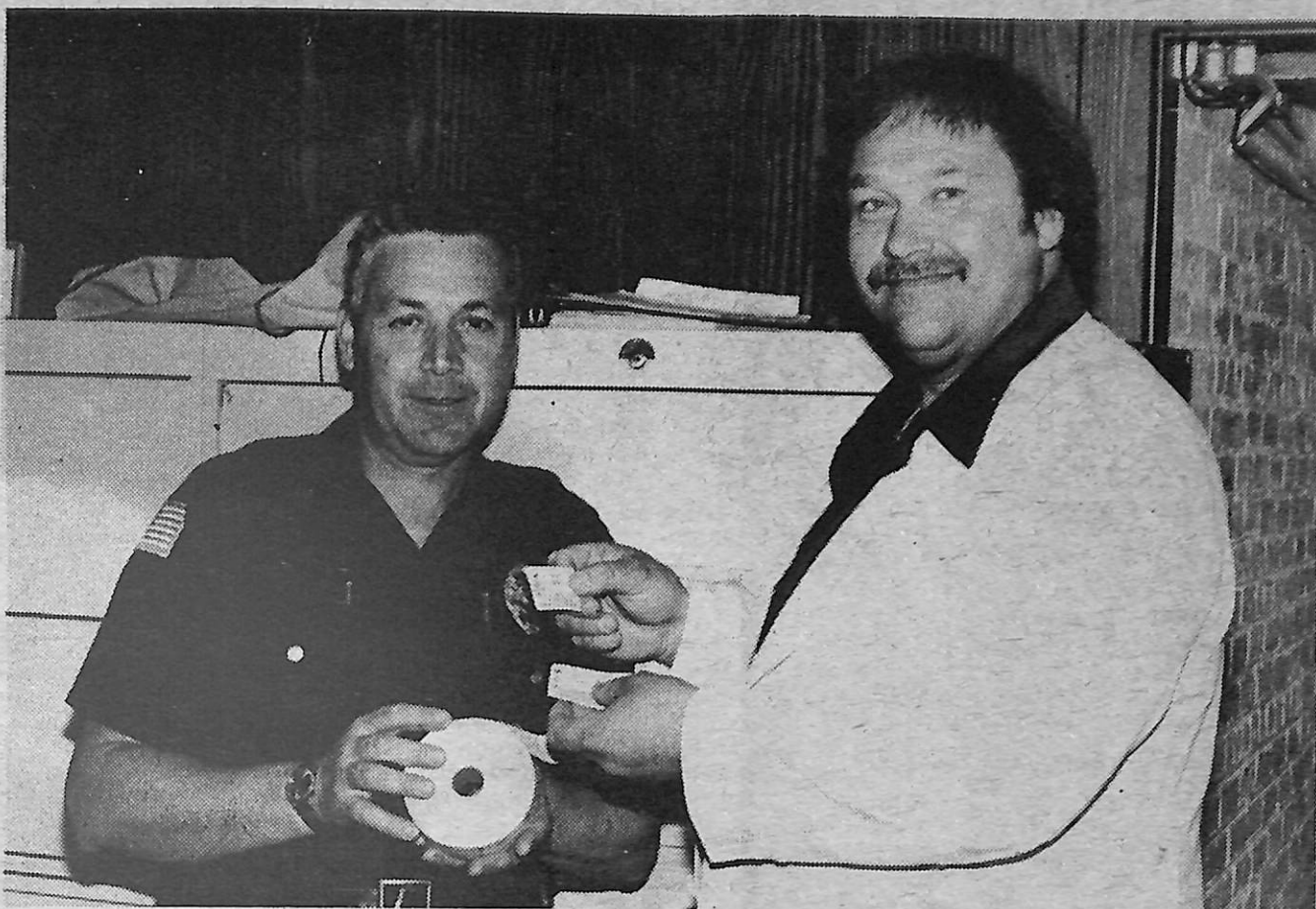
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Keyes To Visit Towns Of Agawam And Southwick

Hampden County Treasurer Daniel M. Keyes will be visiting the towns of Agawam and Southwick on Wednesday, August 22, 1979, for the purpose of conducting office hours.

Mr. Keyes, who is also chairman of the Hampden County Retirement Board, will be at the Agawam Town Hall from 10 a.m. to noon and at the Southwick Town Hall from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Camp Rainbow Still Busy

The sixth week of the season at Camp Rainbow, Agawam's day camp for special needs children, was packed with a variety of activities in addition to the regular classes in music, arts and crafts, physical education, and swimming.

The campers had their usual Monday afternoon of bowling at Riverdale Lanes in West Springfield, and the next day featured a lunch at McDonald's for the younger campers and their counselors.

On Wednesday, Camp Rainbow hosted an olympic-style fun day for themselves and a similar camp from West Springfield. The morning was filled with relay races, water balloon games, two tug-of-war contests, in which the women defeated the men and the students defeated the teachers, and an old-fashioned treasure hunt. After lunch, the group of about 100 campers and staff were guests at the Maynard Street pool for swimming and relaxation. Although everyone was tired at the end of the day, it was a wonderful event that should be held every summer.

On Thursday, the older campers made a return visit to Mt. Tom for an exciting afternoon of rides on the alpine slide. This was a trip that the campers requested because they had enjoyed it so much earlier in the summer.

The Boy Scouts invited the campers to visit their camping grounds in Russell, Mass., on Friday. Camp Moses has a beautiful lake for swimming and boating, and the students enjoyed both of these activities as well as hikes on the trails through the woods.

Activities planned for the last week of camp are bowling, a roller skating trip, an all-camp birthday party, and a barbeque on the final day, August 17th, for campers, parents, and friends of Camp Rainbow.

Mass. Art Seeks Grads

The Massachusetts College of Art is attempting to find the whereabouts of over 26,000 graduates. In the history of the college, there have been over 106 graduating classes, with more than 30,000 alumni, yet the Alumni Office has addresses for only about 4,000 graduates.

Paul McCaffrey, Director of Community Services, is asking graduates to write to him with their new addresses. "The graduates of the College of Art," McCaffrey noted, "represent a resource and they must be involved in the college's future. We are planning a number of new and different activities in this coming year including a newsletter, homecoming events, and a special exhibition of alumni art works. In order to involve the alumni in these activities, we need correct addresses."

Please send your updated address to Paul McCaffrey, Mass. College of Art, 364 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215. Include the following: maiden name, address, zip, year of graduation, and major.

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Former Agawamites Still Linked To Town

By Joanne Brown

The old adage, "Home is where the heart is," seems to fit very well a former Agawam couple who have resolved to keep active their ties to their hometown.

Paul and Carol (St. John) Oliver now live and work in Connecticut, but have made career choices expressly to stay near the Agawam community in which their families and old friends still reside. They are an excellent example of how the close-knit qualities of Agawam, which once were more evident in town, still can exist if one makes an effort.

Both Paul and Carol grew up in town and attended Agawam schools. After graduating from Agawam High School, Paul went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree at Western New England College. He secured jobs as marketing representative first with Mobil Oil and later with Gibbs Oil.

Both of these positions entailed moving away from this area, first to Pennsylvania and then to a territory that covered most of western Connecticut. By the time Paul took over the Connecticut territory, apartment living combined with frequent trips back "home" to Agawam convinced both of the Olivers that they should purchase a home, which had to be in his territory, but could be as close to Agawam as possible. They found a beautiful Cape Cod-style house in Granby, Connecticut, and moved in.

Shortly after buying the house, Paul was advised that he was to be transferred again, and, at that point, they decided it was as good a time as any to go into business for themselves.

Paul had been considering a Taylor Rental franchise and investigated various locations thoroughly before deciding on their present Enfield location. What attracted him to Taylor Rental was the necessity in that business for mechanical know-how, which he had always found interesting, and the chance it would give him to use his acquired expertise in marketing in a business of his own. Carol had always worked in public relations, enjoyed meeting people, and found this type of a business intriguing from that standpoint.

The Taylor Rental franchise in Enfield presented a challenge for them in several ways. Principally, it gave them a chance to build up an existing business. They moved to larger headquarters, refurbished the existing stock, and, most importantly, increased their inventory with an eye to accommodating both the homeowner who occasionally needs to rent a piece of equipment and the contractors who need heavy-duty equipment such as bucketloaders.



Carol and Paul Oliver

"Granby is very much like what Agawam used to be," explained Carol. "It's a small, close-knit town where everybody knows and is concerned for his neighbor. Agawam used to be like that, and still is as far as the people who I meet are concerned."

Both of the Olivers still make frequent trips into Agawam; in fact, sometimes it seems to them they're here more than in Granby. But that's the way they like it. "We like being close to our families and having our children grow up to know them well," said Carol.

Theirs is a success story that comes from hard work and much effort, and they both believe that without the aid of their families and friends, they way to establishing themselves in a thriving business would have been much more difficult.

"Without staying as close to Agawam as we have, much of what we wanted for ourselves would not have been as easy to come by," stated Paul. Carol concurred saying, "Agawam's a great town, and the people in it make it that way."

Recently, they have recognized the need for an inventory to handle large-scale parties such as weddings and have acquired tents which can be pitched in a customer's backyard to make an attractive background for such an event.

Home for the Olivers is now Granby, Connecticut, where their two daughters, Amy, 7½, and Kelly, 5, attend school. But their bonds to Agawam are still very strong as both sets of parents as well as other members of their families reside here. Paul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver, live on South Street, and his father now work fulltime keeping the Taylor Rental equipment in top condition. Carol's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William St. John, live on William Street along with her brother Bill, who is a college student.

Recently attending their 15th year high school class reunion brought back to Paul and Carol many pleasant memories that made them glad they had stayed close to Agawam. Even their choice of a town in which to live now was based on memories of Agawam.



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Office of the Collector of Taxes

The owners or occupants of the following describe Town of Agawam, in the County of Hampden Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified assessed for the year hereinafter specified according to the Collector of Taxes for the Town of Agawam by town, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land w Agawam on September 5, 1979.

HENRY & STELLA ARNOLD 1680 Parker Street Springfield, MA 01128 Land situated on Bessbrook Street, containing approx. .14 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Bk 1819, Pg 360. 1978 R.E. Tax \$56.93	BONAVITA RENTALS, INC. 655 Springfield Street Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land situated at 14 Gina Drive, known as lot 56, containing approx. .36 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4252, Pg 44. 1978 R.E. Tax \$175.73	GARY R. CHURCHILL 261 North Street Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land with bldgs thereon, situated at 261 North Street known as lot 5 & 9 containing approx. .54 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2977, Pg 439. 1978 RE Tax \$727.65 Water Lien 34.80 Tax Bal. Due 762.45	PHILIP J. HENDEL TRUSTEE 31 Elm Street Springfield, Mass. Land with bldgs thereon situated at 49 Pheasant Run Circle known as lot 28 containing approx. .50 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4364, Pg 132. 1978 RE Tax \$292.05 Paid 146.03 Tax Bal Due 146.02	GLEN H. & PHILOMENA M. JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated on Cosgrove Street known as lot 15 & 15A containing approx. .11 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3406, Pg 265. 1978 RE Tax \$2.48	GLEN H. & PHYLLIS M. JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated on Cosgrove St. known as lot 38B containing approx. .13 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book and Page unknown. 1978 RE Tax \$42.08
HENRY P & EVELYN T. ATKINS 320 South Street Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated at South Street, known as lot A, containing approx. .15 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3921, Pg 213. 1978 Tax \$29.70 Paid 14.85 Tax Bal. Due \$14.85	BONAVITA RENTALS, INC. 655 Springfield Street Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land situated at 21 Gina Drive, known as lot 75, containing approx. .38 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4252, Pg 44. 1978 R.E. Tax \$175.73	MAURICE E & DOROTHY T CLARK c/o Loren Clark 235 North Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land with buildings thereon located at 235 North Westfield St containing approx 4.35 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2051, Pg 258. 1978 RE Tax \$3,239.78	PHILIP J. HENDEL TRUSTEE 31 Elm Street Springfield, Mass. Land with bldgs thereon situated at 17 Pheasant Run Court known as lot 46, containing approx. .39 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4364, Pg 132. 1978 RE Tax \$945.45 Paid 121.32 Tax Bal Due \$824.13	GLEN H. & PHILOMENA M. JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land with bldgs thereon situated at 106 Cosgrove St. known as lots 41B & 40 & 40B containing approx. .17 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3406, Pg 265. 1978 RE Tax \$51.98	CLARK W. & RITA M. JONES 323 Southwick Street Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land with bldgs thereon situated at 323 Southwick St & West St. containing approx. .28 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2752, Pg 195. 1978 RE Tax \$886.05 Paid 719.79 Tax Bal Due \$166.26
ENRICO C & SHARON M. BALDERELLI 178 High Street Agawam, MA 01001 Land with buildings thereon situated at 318 Silver Street, containing approx. .64 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3002 Pg 127. 1978 Tax \$4,395.60 Paid \$2,927.92 Tax Bal. Due \$1,467.68	BONAVITA RENTALS, INC. 655 Springfield Street Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land situated at 31 Gina Drive, known as lot 74, containing approx. .45 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4252, Pg 44. 1978 R.E. Tax \$180.68	DANIEL A. DEMATOS P.O. Box 387 Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land with bldgs thereon situated at 825 Springfield St & Amherst Ave known as lot 1 & 2 containing approx. .26 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3359, Pg 120. 1978 RE Tax \$1,452.83 Water Lien 283.02 Tax Bal. Due 1,735.85	CATHERINE E. INMAN 72 Adams Street Agawam MA 01001 Land with bldgs thereon situated at 72 Adams Street, containing approx 4.04 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 1457, Pg 43. 1978 RE Tax \$829.13 Paid 181.48 Tax Bal Due \$647.65	GLEN H. & PHILOMENA M. JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated on Cosgrove St. known as lot 32 containing approx. .06 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3406, Pg 265. 1978 RE Tax \$12.38	PHILIP T. KEEFE 266 Walnut St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land with bldgs thereon situated at 266 Walnut St. containing approx. .61 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 1282, Pg 594. 1978 RE Tax \$1,876.05
BELTRANDI & CO. INC. 297 Walnut Street Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated at 3 Beech Lane, known as lot 59, containing approx. .51 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3862, Pg 299. 1978 Tax \$108.90	EDWARD G. BORGATTI c/o Georgianna Hart PO Box 3580 Springfield, MA Land situated at 20 Shelley Lane, known as lot 2, containing approx. .98 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3896, Pg 299. 1978 R.E. Tax \$126.23	PAUL & GWENDOLYN J. DIDUK 18 South Street Agawam, MA. 01001 Land with bldgs thereon situated on 18 South Street, containing approx. .33 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2770, Pg 527. 1978 RE Tax \$893.48 Paid \$446.74 Tax Bal. Due \$446.74	J.R.S. REALTY INC. 622 State Street Springfield, MA 01105 Land situated on Suffield Street, known as 'rear' containing approx 2.38 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4345, Pg 137. 1978 RE Tax \$477.68 Paid 238.84 Tax Bal Due \$238.84	GLEN H. & PHILOMENA M. JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated on Cosgrove St. known as lot 32B containing approx. .06 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3406, Pg 265. 1978 RE Tax \$12.38	PHILIP T. & MINNIE W. KEEFE 266 Walnut St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated on Walnut St. containing approx 1.17 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2884, Pg 77. 1978 RE Tax \$175.73
WILLIAM J. & JOSEPH BENERAKIS 619 Shoemaker Lane Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land with buildings thereon situated at 619 Shoemaker Lane containing approx. 18.36 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2997, Page 343. 1978 Tax \$1,405.80	GRACE BREWIN 481 Silver Street Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated at Begley St., known as lot 2, containing approx. .24 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2630, Pg 145. 1978 R.E. Tax \$326.70	ANN A. DUBUC 187 Colemore St. Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land with bldgs thereon situated at 187 Colemore St. known as lot farm containing approx 12.04 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3663, Pg 537. 1978 RE Tax \$1,908.23	GLEN JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land with bldgs thereon situated at 73 Cosgrove St known as lot 18B & 19B containing approx. .17 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2810, Pg 454. 1978 RE Tax \$297.00	GLEN H. & PHILOMENA M. JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated on Cosgrove St. known as lot 33 containing approx. .06 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3406, Pg 265. 1978 RE Tax \$12.38	EFSTATHIOS KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land situated on 69 Halladay Dr., known as lot 28 containing approx. .48 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26. 1978 RE Tax \$94.05
WILLIAM J. & JUDITH A. BENERAKIS 619 Shoemaker Lane Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land with buildings thereon situated at 625 Shoemaker Lane known as lot G containing approx. .75 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3363, Pg 144. 1978 Tax \$1,306.80 Water Lien \$41.95 Tax Bal Due \$1,348.75	CHARLES A. CALABRESE 10 Woodside Drive Agawam, MA Land situated on 101 Roosevelt Ave and Richmond Ave. known as lot 349.353 incl containing approx. .32 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3973, Pg 188. 1978 R.E. Tax \$42.08 Paid \$21.04 Tax Bal. Due \$21.04	DONALD C. & JOAN B. FOOTE 48 Wilbert Terrace Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land situated on Wilbert Terrace known as 'rear' containing approx .18 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3494, Pg 88. 1978 RE Tax \$9.90	GLEN H. & PHYLLIS M. JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land with bldgs thereon situated at 130 Cosgrove St. known as lot 34B, 34.35, 35B, 36B & X containing approx 1.00 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 1737, Pg 332. 1978 RE Tax \$438.08 Water Lien \$11.04 Total \$449.12 Paid 11.04 Tax Bal Due \$438.08	GLEN H. & PHILOMENA M. JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated on Cosgrove St., known as lot 33B, containing approx. .06 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3406, Pg 265. 1978 RE Tax \$12.38	SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA Land situated on 1045 North Street known as lot 50, containing approx. .38 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26. 1978 RE Tax \$163.35
BERNICE M. BISHOP 116 Chestnut Street East Longmeadow, MA Land and buildings thereon situated at 81 Maple Street containing about .14 acres. Recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3528, Pg 111. 1978 R.E. Tax \$455.40	CALACO REALTY CO. 10 Woodside Drive Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated on Suffield St. containing approx 12.54 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4350, Pg 315. 1978 RE Tax \$487.58 Paid 243.79 Tax Bal Due \$243.79	GEORGE H. & PRISCILLA J GRAVES 22 Charles Street Agawam, MA 01001 Land with bldgs thereon situated at 22 Charles St., containing approx .41 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4313 Pg 125. 1978 RE Tax \$747.45 Paid 150.00 Tax Bal Due 597.45	GLEN H. & PHILOMENA JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated at 106 Cosgrove St. known as lot 16 A & 17 containing approx. .11 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3406, Pg 265. 1978 RE Tax \$2.48	GLEN H. & PHILOMENA M. JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated on Cosgrove St. known as lot 50 containing approx. .06 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3406, Pg 265. 1978 RE Tax \$2.48	SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA Land situated at 1057 North Street known as lot 51, containing approximately .35 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26. 1978 RE Tax \$160.88
BONAVITA RENTALS, INC. 655 Springfield Street Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land situated at 13 Gina Drive, known as lot 76, containing approx. .35 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4252, Pg 44. 1978 R.E. Tax \$175.73	ANNA F. CARLEO 63 Norman Terrace Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Land with bldgs thereon situated at 63 Norman Terrace known as lot 29, containing approx .17 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2423, Page 56. 1978 RE Tax \$603.90 Sewer Lien 7.00 Tax Bal. Due \$610.90	GLEN H. & PHILOMENA JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated at 106 Cosgrove St. known as lot 16 A & 17 containing approx. .11 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3406, Pg 265. 1978 RE Tax \$2.48	GLEN H. & PHYLLIS M. JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated on Cosgrove St. known as lot 37, 37B & 36 containing approx. .25 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 1598, Pg 196. RE Tax \$54.45	GLEN H. & PHYLLIS M. JAMES 130 Cosgrove St. Agawam, MA 01001 Land situated at 1067 North Street known as lot 52 containing approx. .35 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26. 1978 RE Tax \$160.88	

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AUGUST 16, 1979

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<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 1077 North Street known as lot 53 containing approx .35 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$160.88</p>	<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 43 Halladay Dr. known as lot 26 containing approx .46 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$94.05</p>	<p>JAMES M. & CAROL A. LIAMIS 585 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA 01030</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at 585 N. Westfield St. containing approx 11.00 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4246, Pg 389.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$1,304.33 Water Lien 37.29 Tax Bal Due \$1,341.62</p>	<p>GERARD J. & DARLA J. PARENT 18 Carmen Avenue Feeding Hills, MA 01030</p> <p>Land situated on Maynard St known as lot C containing approx .22 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3507, Pg. 348.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$79.20</p>	<p>EDWARD P. SHIBLEY Trustee to Green Cove Realty Trust 85 Longhill St. Springfield, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 1039 Springfield St., containing approx .63 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4351, Pg 9.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$507.38</p>	<p>WHITE FOX CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. 299 Walnut Street Agawam, MA 01001</p> <p>Land situated at 99 Hendom Dr. known as lot 52 containing approx .35 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4272, Pg 229.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$108.90</p>
<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 1085 North Street known as lot 54, containing approx .35 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$160.88</p>	<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 60 Halladay Dr. known as lot 35, containing approx .65 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Bk 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 R.E. Tax \$101.48</p>	<p>PETER B. LOCKHART 149 James Street Feeding Hills, MA 01030</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at 149 James St. containing approx 3.32 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3888, Pg 184.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$544.50 Water Lien 79.16 Total 623.66 Paid 140.91 Tax Bal Due \$482.75</p>	<p>LAWRENCE PARO 492 North Street Feeding Hills, MA. 01030</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at No. Westfield St. containing approx 11.00 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3177, Pg 1.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$999.90 Paid 499.95 Tax Bal Due \$499.95</p>	<p>ANTHONY A. & PIERINA T. SILVESTRINI 242 Maple Street Agawam, MA 01001</p> <p>Land situated on Maple Street, known as lot 8, containing approx .35 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3033, Pg 246.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$106.43</p>	<p>WHITE FOX CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. 299 Walnut Street Agawam, MA 01001</p> <p>Land situated on Hendom Dr. containing approx .39 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4272, Pg 234.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$103.95</p>
<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 1095 North Street known as lot 55, containing approx .35 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$160.88</p>	<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 83 Halladay Dr & Liswell Dr, known as lot 17, containing approx .46 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$94.05</p>	<p>ERNEST F. & ALDO & SUSAN M. LOMBARDI Trustees of Lombardi Realty Trust P.O. Box 423 Agawam, MA 01001</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at 395 River Rd. containing approx .92 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3398, Pg 307.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$2,455.20 Water Lien 216.00 Tax Bal Due \$2,671.20</p>	<p>JAMES D. & PATRICIA R. PERRY 785 East Columbus Ave. Springfield, MA 01105</p> <p>Land situated at 665 River Rd. containing approx 1.03 acres. recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4130, Pg 29.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$237.60</p>	<p>SPRINGFIELD CREDIT UNION INC. c/o Irving Goldblatt, Agent 265 Dwight Street Springfield, MA</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at 27 Meadow Avenue known as lot 7 & 8 containing approx .23 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3951, Pg 40.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$391.05 Paid 195.53 Tax Bal Due \$195.52</p>	<p>WHITE FOX CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. 299 Walnut St. Agawam, MA 01001</p> <p>Land situated on Pheasant Run Circle containing approx .72 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3585, Pg 288.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$29.70</p>
<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 1105 North Street known as lot 56 containing approx .48 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$89.10</p>	<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 92 Halladay Dr known as lot 38 containing approx .49 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$94.05</p>	<p>EDGAR A. MARQUISS 8 Smith Ave. P.O. Box 220 Kingston, N.Y. 12401</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon located at 58 North Alhambra Circle known as lot 52, containing approx .15 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3495, Pg 256.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$556.88</p>	<p>JOHN A. & ROSELLA RHODES 26 Editha Avenue Agawam, MA 01001</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at 26 Editha Ave. known as lot 6 & 7 containing approx .25 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3741, Pg 129.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$858.83 Paid 269.73 Tax Bal Due \$589.10</p>	<p>EXILDA M. STRUTHERS 14 Liberty St. Northampton, MA</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at 124 James Street known as lot A, containing approx 1.98 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4054, Pg 296.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$866.25 Paid 433.13 Tax Bal Due \$433.12</p>	<p>WHITE FOX CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. 299 Walnut St. Agawam, MA 01001</p> <p>Land situated on White Fox Rd known as open space, containing approx .92 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3585, Pg 288.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$37.13</p>
<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 1119 North Street known as lot 57, containing approx .38 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$84.15</p>	<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 101 Halladay Dr & Liswell Dr known as lot 16, containing approx .45 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$91.58</p>	<p>EVA L. MATHIEU 1129 Main Street Agawam, MA 01001</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon located at 58 North Alhambra Circle known as lot 52, containing approx .15 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3495, Pg 256.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$556.88</p>	<p>EDWARD W. SHAW & MICHAEL J. ROWAN c/o Helen M. Brassard 19 Trinity Terr. Springfield, MA</p> <p>Land situated on Laurel Avenue known as lot 110 containing approx .11 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2506, Pg 334.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$27.23</p>	<p>J. GERALD & CECILE A. TOPPAZZINI 54 Barney Street Agawam, MA 01001</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at 54 Barney St., known as lot 23 & pt 24 containing approx .40 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3830, Pg 23.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$1,212.75 Water Lien 5.80 Paid 1,218.55 Tax Bal Due \$ 606.37</p>	<p>WHITE FOX CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. 299 Walnut St. Agawam, MA 01001</p> <p>Land situated on White Fox Rd known as open space, containing approx .74 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3585, Pg 288.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$29.70</p>
<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 70 Halladay Dr known as lot 36, containing approx .46 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax 94.05</p>	<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 102 Halladay Dr known as lot 39 containing approx .52 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$96.53</p>	<p>MISISCHIA CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. c/o Agawam Old Colony Bldg. Inc. 237 Elm Street West Springfield, MA. 01089</p> <p>Land situated at 1129 Main Street containing approx .21 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3072, Pg 311.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$1,227.60</p>	<p>DANIEL J. & NANCY R. SHEAN 58 Norman Terrace Feeding Hills, MA 01030</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at 58 Norman Terrace known as lot 26 containing approx .17 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3487, Pg 170.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$678.15 Water Lien 182.50 Tax Bal Due \$860.65</p>	<p>ROBERT R. JR. & EILEEN TREMPER 26 Bessbrook St. Feeding Hills, MA 01030</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at 26 Bessbrook St. known as lot 6 & 7 containing approx .50 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3623, Pg 491.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$799.43 Paid 399.72 Tax Bal Due \$399.71</p>	
<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 82 Halladay Drive and Liswell Drive known as lot 37, containing approx .47 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$94.50</p>	<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 85 Liswell Dr. known as lot 13, containing approx .46 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Bk 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 R.E. Tax \$94.05</p>	<p>GERARD J. & DARLA J. PARENT 18 Carmen Avenue Feeding Hills, MA 01030</p> <p>Land situated on Carmen Ave & Maynard St known as lot B containing approx 1.97 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3507, Pg 348.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$336.60</p>	<p>EDWARD P. SHIBLEY 85 Longhill St. Springfield, MA</p> <p>Land situated on Springfield St, containing approx 1.31 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3873, Pg 248.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$123.75</p>	<p>ERNEST C. & HELEN L. WALTERS 172 School Street Agawam, MA 01001</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at 172 School St. containing approx .69 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2859, Pg 273.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$1,126.13 Water Lien 98.60 Paid 277.34 Tax Bal Due \$ 947.39</p>	
<p>SOPHIE KRATIMENOS 303 No. Westfield St. Feeding Hills, MA</p> <p>Land situated at 40 Halladay Dr. known as lot 33 containing approx .48 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4145, Pg 26.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$94.05</p>	<p>ROBERT R. LECLAIR 43 South West St. Feeding Hills, MA 01030</p> <p>Land with bldgs thereon situated at 43 So. West St. known as lot 4, containing approx 5.39 acres. Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3722, Pg 53.</p> <p>1978 RE Tax \$1,613.70 Water Lien 5.80 Tax Bal Due \$1,619.50</p>				

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Aug. 16, 1979

Editorials



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

None are so blind as those (councilors) who will not see, nor as deaf as those who will not hear. Not only do some members (of the Agawam Town Council) not want to hear, but under the mal-guidance (once more) of the council president, they voted at the last council meeting to prohibit a citizen from speaking so that the taxpayers could hear the true facts concerning the validity of certain statements in the resume of Peter Caputo. This resume should have been investigated by the committee that was formed to hire a town manager. This not being the case, a former councilor started investigating when the resume was presented to the entire previous councilors. Apparently this former councilor has hit a nerve with the manager Peter Caputo or he (the manager) would not be so uptight. When you run a clean ship, you want everyone to know. Peter Caputo, by his recent actions, seems awfully nervous. If his records are straight, he should care less who sees them, but welcome the chance to make them public.

It is very interesting to note that the local media would not or did not carry the information presented by the former councilor. He had to contact an out-of-state T.V. station who picked up his information, verified his story, and presented the facts on Channel 3 on Thursday, August 9th.

Perhaps if Peter Caputo has asked the D.A.'s office to investigate the former councilor, he could ask that previous investigations of some town employees be completed first. Could prove interesting.

J.B.

To The Editor:

Having worked in Agawam's Park and Recreation program for the past three summers, I have had the opportunity to examine its state of affairs over that extended period of time. Many of my observations have been disturbing. The status of the facilities and programs that come under the control of the Department of Parks and Recreation seems to range from stagnant to declining.

As an official of Agawam's tennis tournament, I have seen participation dwindle to an all time low. The story is the same among those who do not play. They find the four public courts, at Shea's Field and Phelps School, in such poor condition that it takes much of the enjoyment out of the game. The new courts being built at the high school are badly needed and long overdue.

Anyone who has played tennis this summer has discovered that night play is no longer possible. The town no longer turns on overhead lights at the tennis courts or Borgatti Field. Reason? The Parks and Recreation Director says budget cut. Because of budget cuts, service to children in summer playground and pre-school programs has slackened due to a cutback in number of counselors.

An important fact to consider is that budget cuts, once made, are likely never to be returned. Agawam's Town Manager and Town Council appear to be completely un-recreation minded. WAKE UP, people of Agawam. Do not continue to put up with stagnant or declining facilities and programs. You may find in the near future that small cuts in the budget year after year have caused a serious loss of Agawam recreational facilities, programs, and funding.

Sincerely,
Richard J. Willis

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN COUNCIL
AGAWAM, MASS.

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on September 4, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. on the application of Charles Marquis for a

license to keep, store, and sell petroleum products in underground tanks not to exceed 5,000 gallons at 1664 Main Street in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts.

Edward A. Caba
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VIEWPOINT

By Ric Sardella

With Pioneer Valley Raceway Inc. back on the local scene, and again, attempting to bring racing to Agawam, opposition members of the community are arming themselves for another bout with the racing firm.

Organized Opposition

Early last spring, Pioneer Valley Raceway Inc. withdrew a proposal from the Town Council that would have renovated Bowles Airport for dog racing. Local opposition, organized and ready to wage war, had obviously convinced the owners of Pioneer Valley Inc. that the towns governing body would overwhelmingly shoot down the junket due to the fierce opposition from the citizenry.

Despite the withdrawal, the council, hearing the cries of the populace, voted against the proposed racetrack by stating the withdrawal would be taken with prejudice.

Now, some four months later, this same firm is back and is appearing before the State Racing Commission, who by now are well aware of the steadfast sentiments local townsfolk hold for the new-old proposal.

Because no one applied for racing dates in Western Mass., the legislature passed a bill allowing the application deadline for racing in Western Mass. to be extended for thirty days, June 27 to July 27. Pioneer Valley Inc. submitted its application, and now the State Racing Commission will conduct a public hearing Monday, August 20, to listen to public response on the proposal that calls for racing from October 31 to December 31.

Naturally, the local residents are again up in arms. Leading the barrage against the racetrack is the Agawam Citizens Together group, an organization that was established in protest of the earlier racetrack proposal, along with two other large-scale developments presented by two local developers.

They are currently issuing war whoops and have mounted another drive to bring out angry citizens for the state's public hearing, scheduled for the Junior High.

Also planning to speak against the racetrack proposal is State Representative Edward Connelly. According to Connelly, the Massachusetts General Laws uphold local jurisdiction on this matter.

While it has been circulated around town that the State Racing Commission can usurp home rule, as I read the general laws, I interpret them as specifically stating that

local municipalities possess jurisdiction on a matter such as this.

Violating The Law

If this is the case, and indeed I believe it to be, then the State Racing Commission would be violating the law as stated in the Commonwealth's charter by issuing Pioneer Valley Raceway Inc. a license to bring in the dogs or horses without first acquiring town approval.

Connelly flatly stated, "If the Racing Commission issues a license, I will instruct the Town Manager and the council to file suit against the Racing Commission and the Commonwealth. And if they don't, I will," he added.

Connelly said the community would have to file for a court injunction to stop the state agency from issuing a license. He said the court action would stave off any immediate racing and then leave the proposal tied up in litigation. The State Rep. should be applauded for his emphatic support of the citizens wishes and his inside know-how on matters pertaining to state entanglements. Perhaps Connelly should carry the town banner if the Racing Commission renders a ludicrous verdict on behalf of the racing firm. Why not? He always seems to be on top of things.

Is This A Viable Enterprise?

Getting off the state level and back to the local scene, claims by track proponents that the race track is a viable enterprise for the community is nothing more than pure hype. Local resentment of Pioneer Valley Inc. and their second attempt to renovate the site at an estimated \$3 million is undeniably justifiable.

The track would not only be an unbearable burden to newcomers in the Suffield Street area, but it would place additional strains on the police and fire departments, not to mention the control of traffic in and out of town. Water and sewage must also be taken into consideration. And what about the inevitable road improvements? Who will pay for that? The answers make our wallet grow thinner and thinner.

While Hampden County residents voted in 1977 to allow racing to come into the county, it seems quite apparent that no one wants a track in their own backyard. The ballot actually decrees, "If it's in your town, fine, but not in my little town. No way."

Other Communities Have Opposed Track

This same racing firm attempted to pass similar racing gambits in Springfield, West Springfield, Northampton, and Chicopee, but were rejected out right. If this facility is such a bonanza for the host community in terms of additional revenue and increased local employment, as claimed by track proponents, why then is no locale grabbing at this chance for the proclaimed gold mine? Systematic disapproval must have fostered systematic thoughts that "this thing is a gambit and a no-no for the community."

Undoubtedly, Agawam residents will reinforce their feelings again Monday evening.

New Ball Diamonds Proposed



From left to right: State Rep. Edward Connelly, Gerald Mason, Agawam Athletic Association president; and Kenneth Dubuque, Regional Manager, Forest and Parks Division.

An on site meeting at Robinson State Park was held to determine the availability of additional State Park land for two baseball diamonds now urgently needed by the Agawam A.A.

President Gerald Mason arranged through State Rep. Ed Connelly to make a request for the land. The planned site will be in the Feeding Hills section, where facilities are lacking in proportion to the children wan-

ting to participate in the program.

Connelly stated, "Gerry Mason has made a strong pitch for greater utilization of the state's natural resources to be directed toward local recreational activity."

A report will be sent to Mason from the Forest and Parks division, hopefully approving the additional diamonds.



Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

While there are over 8,600 different living species of birds, they all have one thing in common despite various adaptations through evolution. They all have feathers.

These feathers have evolved from the scales of the reptile ancestors and are present in all species although they vary greatly from one bird type to the next. Even the most casual observer will note that the colorful and graceful tail feathers of the peacock differ greatly from the wing feathers of a common house sparrow. The differences are the result of evolution and adaptation.

Feathers serve four important functions and are utilized to these four ends by all the birds you are likely to see at a backyard feeder. Perhaps most importantly, the feathers provide the wing and tail surfaces that are essential for flight. The penna, which are the outer feathers, divide into flight feathers and contour feathers and are shaped like the traditional quill pen. The feathers grew from special papillae which produce two, sometime three, feathers per year. Between the papillae are featherless spaces.

There is a second type of feather called the plumulae, or down feathers. These feathers aid greatly in insulation and help keep the tiny body warm. The down traps warm air close to the body and acts as insulation. When the bird becomes too cold, it will fluff out its outer feathers and increase the area of insulation.

Feathers also serve to keep out water. Oils secreted at the base of the feathers are preened along the length of the feather to provide protection from the elements. While this function is more apparent in water fowl, it is very important to all the birds who experience unfavorable weather.

Lastly, the feathers may act as camouflage and as visual aid to specie identification during the mating season. The females of a specie, who often spend much time roosting, are often duller than the males and blend in more completely with their natural environment. Distinctive wing patches and crests and bright colors enable the female of the species to recognize correctly the male of her ilk and accept him as a mate.

Some trends have been discovered concerning feathers. Larger birds tend to have more feathers than smaller birds. It has been found that the colder the climate the more feathers a bird has in the winter. One surprising and interesting fact is that the total weight of the plumage may be more than twice as heavy as the entire skeleton of an individual bird. This fact alone helps to illustrate the relative importance of the feathers.

Bird Club Plans Field Trip

Members of Allen Bird Club will meet on Plum Island to view returning shore birds on Saturday, August 18th. Filed trip participants are to meet at the Sportsman's Lodge parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

Migrating shore birds will be in the area, as well as egrets, ducks, and possibly, the glossy ibis. Which birds will be seen depends on what the tide is since different birds come in to feed at different tides.

Interested parties are invited to attend the field trip. The trip takes about three hours by car each way, and participants should bring a lunch including beverage. Also, bring binoculars and insect repellent.

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Agawam Citizens are urged to attend this hearing and make their feelings known.

LAST SPRING, OUR TOWN COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY NOT TO HAVE RACING IN OUR TOWN. IN SPITE OF THE EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE PEOPLE AND THE VOTE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, PRO-

PONENTS OF RACING PUSHED A BILL THROUGH THE STATE LEGISLATURE THAT HAS THE EFFECT OF ALLOWING THE STATE RACING COMMISSION TO HAVE FINAL DECISION ON WHERE RACING WILL BE HELD.

THE HOUR IS UPON US NOW TO DECIDE WHETHER WE, THE RESIDENTS OF AGAWAM, WILL HAVE THE SAY OVER WHAT GOES ON IN OUR TOWN, OR WILL WE PERMIT THE STATE TO DICTATE TO US.

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As Town Manager Caputo stated, "Are we going to let the big kids from Boston dictate to the little kids on the block?"

This ad has been paid for out of personal donations from town citizens concerned with what happens in Agawam.

Sports

S.H. Crusaders Close Season

The Sacred Heart Crusaders 14-16 baseball team of the Suburban League closed their season on the weekend of August 5th and 6th. They were defeated by South Hadley and Fountain Plating of West Springfield. Those two losses eliminated them from the Daily News Tournament.

The Crusaders in their first year ended up with a 9-9 record for the season. Their greatest victories of the season were their two wins over their rival, Sarat Ford. Next year, the team should do well as their pitching staff will be more experienced.

They would like to thank Father Paul Burns of Sacred Heart Church and all of the parents who supported them. A special thanks is extended to Mrs. Carol Calabrese and to Mrs. Josie Rondoletto for transporting the boys to away games. Lastly, a particular thanks goes out to all the coaches - Ron Rondoletto, Ralph Albano, and Phil Vecchiarelli.

Last Call For Registration

The final sign-ups for the Agawam Hockey Association will be held on Friday, August 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the Agawam V.F.W., South Street, Agawam.

Any boy or girl interested in playing hockey (instructional included), is urged to attend with a parent or guardian. Team play will be available in the 6-8, 8-10, 10-12, 12-14, and 14-16 age groups. Registration fee is \$25.00 for one child and \$20.00 for the second child in the same family. There is a maximum fee of \$50.00 per family, regardless of the number of children playing hockey.

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STOCK CAR RACES



By Larry Bouchard

Richie Evans of Rome, New York, captured the rain delayed Winston 100 over Geoff Bodine at the Stafford Motor Speedway before a sellout crowd.

After a violent thunderstorm two hours before racetime, the qualifying was completed and the 30 car field was set to run the Winston 100. As the green fell on the field, Satch Worley hit the wall on turn three to bring out the red flag.

On the restart, it was Jerry Pearl who started in third spot. On lap 5 Bugs Stevens took the lead. By lap 20, it was Stevens, Evans, and Bodine in the Lee Allard Pinto.

On lap 24 Bodine slipped past Stevens for the front spot. The Bodine, Evans, and Stevens order remained unchanged until lap 90 when Moose Hewitt crashed in turn three.

On the restart, Keith Williams spun in the first turn and the required distance (100 laps) were met, but Stafford rules required the race to end under green.

On the restart, Evans out-powered Bodine to take his 41st win of the year and the \$2,400 prize money. Bodine finished second with a sour motor which lead to his defeat. Bugs Stevens took third over Ron Bouchard and Bobby Vee, who finished fifth in the Busch Arrow.

Stafford will be running their usual show Friday night with a starting time of 8 p.m. sharp in the mod squad, the street stock, and sportsmen division. So take in a race at the Stafford Speedway, Stafford Springs, Connecticut.

PIT NOTES: Last Saturday at the Riverside Park Speedway, rain halted the racing program. This Saturday, it will be 50 laps of modified racing and the popular figure 8. Starting time is 7:30 p.m.

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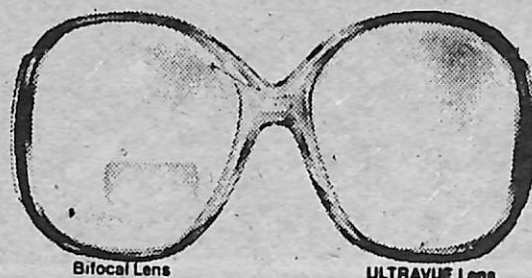
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by Janet Cook



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A black and white illustration of a tennis racket and a tennis ball. The racket is positioned diagonally, with the head at the top right and the handle extending towards the bottom left. The head of the racket is filled with a grid pattern representing the strings. A small tennis ball is shown below the racket head.

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The group is also sponsoring an outing to Tanglewood on Sunday, August 26th to hear the New York Philharmonic under the direction of Zubin Mehta. Bus leaves from the JCC at 11:30 a.m. and those attending are asked to bring a lunch. The \$8 charge covers admission and bus costs.

Reservations and payment are required by Tuesday, August 21st. Checks made payable to the Jewish Singles of Western Mass. should be mailed to Wendy Chernick, 18 Crystal Brook Dr., Springfield, MA 01118.

This outing will be cancelled and money refunded in the event of rain.

For additional information, please call Wendy Chernick at 783-0236, Steven Mackler at 788-7777, or Heidi Rosner at 533-9400 after 6 p.m.

Home Equity Rip-Off

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is warning homeowners across the country of a rapidly-spreading fraud scheme which is gaining momentum as a result of the skyrocketing prices of housing. The scheme preys upon people who cannot meet payments and who do not realize how much their home's value has increased due to inflation.

The swindle begins when a "land speculator" catches wind of a Notice of Default, which indicates the foreclosure on a home. He then approaches the distressed homeowner and poses as a credit counselor, real estate expert, mortgage counselor, or almost anyone in order to gain the homeowner's trust.

He may tell the family that he will help them protect their credit rating by buying the property from them and allow them to live in their home by renting it back to them with the option to purchase. The family believes that the sale is only temporary and that they will be able to buy the house back when times are better. But, because the family could not afford the mortgage payments, they will probably not be able to pay the rent and will eventually be evicted.

Another commonly used ploy by "speculators" is one whereby the swindler offers to buy the house from the unsuspecting homeowner and even pays the family a few thousand dollars for moving expenses and puts a deposit down on a new place to live. The family is tricked into believing that they have been helped when they actually could have sold their house for much more money.

Remember that some home mortgages are insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or the Veterans Administration. Homeowners who bought their homes with government insurance may have protection in the event of difficulty in meeting mortgage payments. It is possible for FHA home mortgages to be refinanced by the FHA and payments to be spread out over a longer period of time.

People should be suspicious of letter or calls from someone who promises to help for nothing. Your house is probably worth more than you think it is. If you need help meeting mortgage payments, ask for advice from the following: your local community organization who can direct you to a HUD approved housing counselling agency; real estate companies who can tell you the value of your house and help sell it for a fair price if you have to sell; the people who gave you the mortgage.

This column was prepared by Don Westwater of the Massachusetts Consumers' Council to provide information and advice on how to deal with some of the many problems facing consumers today. If you have any questions or would like further information, contact the Council, 100 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02202 (727-2605).

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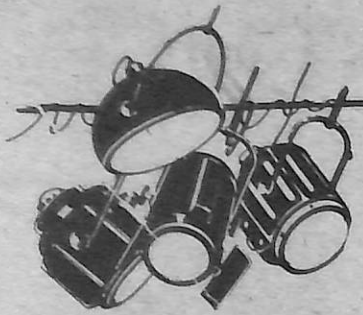
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Agawam Paint & Wallpaper

Agawam Paint and Wallpaper, owned and operated by Pat Batchelder of Feeding Hills, has relocated to larger quarters at 833 Springfield Street.

Agawam Paint and Wallpaper has been in business almost a year featuring a complete line of Benjamin Moore paint. Along with the standard colors, Agawam Paint will also mix colors as you like them right on their premises.

They also provide 208 books of all brands of

wallpaper for you to choose from, as well as the sundries that go along with painting and wallpapering such as paste, brushes, or rollers.

Pat is most helpful offering tips on how to do-it-yourself and decorating tips on coordinating colors and so on.

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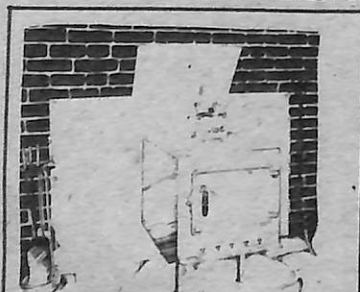
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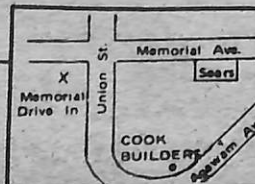


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